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UNIVERSAL COUPLER FOR SPINAL FIXATION**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

(a) ☐ is attached hereto.(b) ☒ issued on December 12, 1995 as ☒ Patent No. 5,474,551
or ☐ Express Mail No. _____, as Serial No. not yet known.
and was amended in reissue on April 22, 1999. (if applicable).(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

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☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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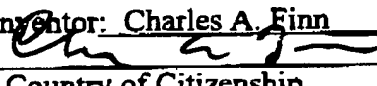
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